## **Activity Planner Instructions**

## 1. Overview

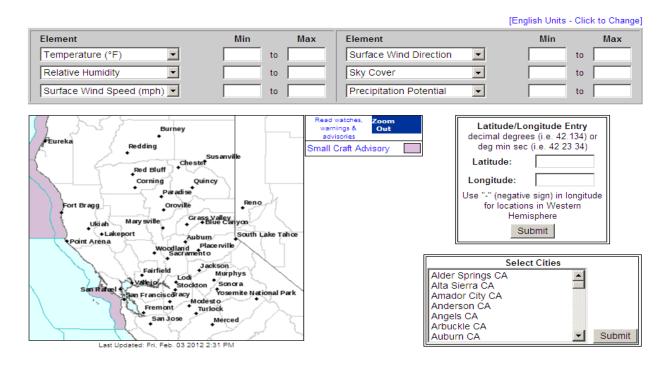
The activity planner application generates products from a digital forecast database, that is populated by NWS forecasters. It is intended to allow a user to define and produce a forecast for general planning purposes only. The **Weather Activity Planner** is **NOT** meant to replace a spot forecast request. **Weather Activity Planner** surface winds are a gridded representation of projected, local surface winds at a 5km or 2.5km resolution. The surface winds output do NOT account for fuel type, canopy cover or slope aspect. If precise wind forecasts are needed, please submit a spot forecast request to your servicing Weather Forecast Office.

## 2. Activity Planner User Instructions

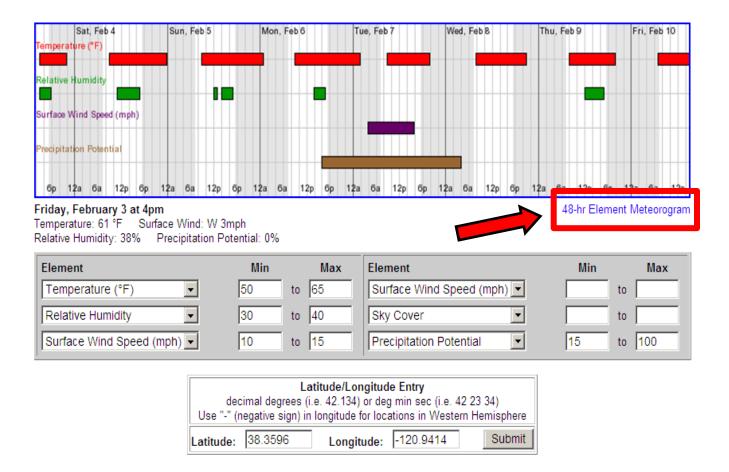
 The weather activity planner link is located on the <u>NWS Sacramento Fire Weather Webpage</u> in the upper right hand corner.



• The <u>activity planner</u>, user-interface allows the user to input desired or needed weather conditions for a prescribed burn to take place. 1) Select up to 6 weather elements. 2) Enter the desired minimum and maximum weather values. 3) Enter the burn location via Lat/Long coordinates, from a drop down box of cities, or by selecting the location on the map. Then click "Submit".



• Then the following graph will show up. The graph indicates, via colored bars, the times the desired weather conditions will occur for each weather element.



- If the user wants a more detailed view of the forecast weather conditions for the desired location and time, then they can select the **48-Hr Element Meteorogram** link under the activity planner graph. The following image is an example of the Meteorogram.
- If the user wants a forecast beyond 48 hrs, then select the "Forward 2 Days", in the upper right hand corner of the hourly weather graph page.

